

## **Electoral System**

It is the responsibility of the Board of Directors to establish the electoral system used for electing board members.

### **Authority under RCW 28A.343.040**

The Board of Directors, with the assistance of the administration, the ESD and the State Redistricting Commission, and consultants (e.g., attorneys, demographic experts, etc.) as appropriate, will prepare for the division or redivision of the director districts no later than eight months of any of the following:

1. Receipt of federal decennial census data from the redistricting commission;
2. Consolidation of the district with one or more other districts into one district;
3. Transfer of territory to or from the district or dissolution and annexation of the district; or
4. Approval by a majority of the district's registered voters of a proposition to divide the district into director districts pursuant to RCW 28A.343.030.

The districting or redistricting plan shall be adopted according to the procedure established under RCW 29A.76.010.

### **Authority under Washington Voting Rights Act**

The district will ensure that its voting system does not impair the ability of a protected class or classes, as defined by the Washington Voting Rights Act, to have an equal opportunity to elect candidates of their choice as a result of the dilution or abridgment of the rights of voters who are members of a protected class or classes.

To remedy a potential violation of the Washington Voting Rights Act, the district may change its electoral system, which may include, but is not limited to, implementing director districts.

### **Legal References:**

RCW 29A.76.010	Counties, municipal corporations, and special purpose districts
RCW 28A.343.030	Certain school districts — Election to authorize division in school districts not already divided into director districts
RCW 28A.343.040	Division or redividing of district into director districts
RCW 28A.343.050	Dissolution of directors' districts

RCW 28A.315.195      Transfer of territory by petition – Requirements —  
Rules — Costs

**Management Resources:**

Policy News, June 2011      Legal Reference Updates  
Policy News, August 2008      Restructuring First Class Director Districts

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